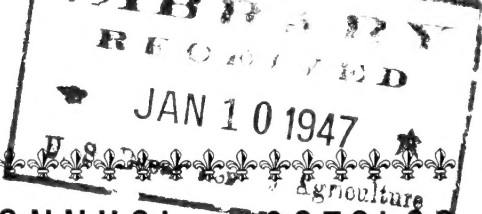


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A Group of Miniature Dahlias

DAHLIAS FOR 1947

Grown by

MILLER DAHLIA FARMS

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Seattle 88, Wash.

"The Highest Quality Dahlia Roots Obtainable"

Our Purpose Throughout the Years

The American Dahlia Society, of which we have long been a member, was "Formed for the purpose of stimulating interest in and promoting the culture and development of the Dahlia." Our contribution to this purpose has consistently been to offer to an ever increasing number of Dahlia lovers the highest quality stock possible to grow, in as extensive as possible variety of types and color shades available in tested and worthwhile Dahlias, and at the lowest prices consistent with good stock. It becomes apparent from the many letters and repeat orders of customers over the years that we have not failed in our aims. Excerpts from a few of these letters are found in the body of this catalog, all unsolicited expressions of the way customers feel about our methods of doing business.

Some of you may have discovered that some needed items have been rather scarce and hard to buy during the past several years. There just wasn't enough to go around. Among these items has been good Dahlia stock. The best efforts of the Miller Dahlia Farms to overcome this for our clientele have unfortunately not proved entirely successful. Should our increased supply this year again be unequal to the demand, a revised list will be sent to each one on our mailing list whenever stock becomes exhausted on more than one third of the listed varieties in the catalog.

Several new varieties of our own origination are listed for the first time this year, having been grown for years so that stock is sufficient for sale at prices within the reach of all, rather than the usual prices necessary for 2 or 3 year old seedlings.

As to prices, our policy is "One Price to All" with a discount according to the amount of the order, as explained on the order sheet. In view of the lower purchasing power of our dollars, the real prices on all varieties herein are materially lower than last year, although listed at the same figure. We are deeply appreciative of orders from customers and dealers for stock for re-sale, but in all fairness to the loyal customer who can use but one or two of each variety, the right is reserved to limit the number of roots of any one variety to a customer, if this seems necessary. Regardless of price or shortage, we firmly believe any Dahlia stock purchased from the Miller Dahlia Farms will prove to be—

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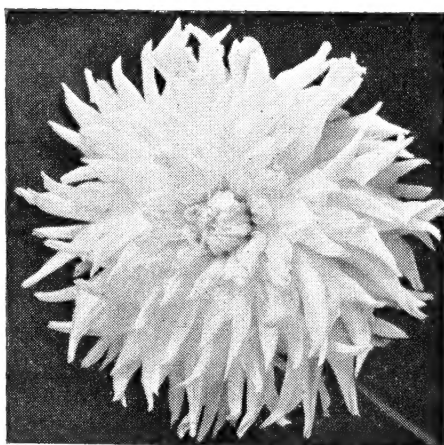


SUCCESS — AT LAST

Port Orchard, Wash., Jan. 24, 1946—"You are the only Dahlia grower I shall ever send another order to. My experience has been very discouraging until I received my order from you last year."—Mrs. C. J. P.

FROM A NEW CUSTOMER

Reno, Nev., Sept. 1, 1946—"I am writing you in regard to the Dahlias I got from you this spring—I have raised Dahlias for years, but these are the most beautiful I ever had. I thought I would let you know how pleased I am with them and thank you for the nice bulbs."—H. K.



American Purity

VARIETIES OFFERED and RECOMMENDED

Roots only are offered, and orders are accepted subject to prior sale of stock on hand at time the order is received, roots being set aside for immediate shipment or for future delivery as the customer wishes. The prices following the varieties include ordinary Parcel Post charges. In parentheses following the variety name is given the name of the introducer or originator and the year first sold.

Abbreviations following the name of the Dahlia refer to the various types as follows:

F.D.=Formal Decorative

S.C.=Semi-Cactus

I.D.=Informal Decorative

St. Cac.=Straight Cactus

INC. CAC.=Incurved Cactus

The size of the average bloom is indicated by the figures following the abbreviation, thus—Adorable, I.D. 8x4—4½ shows this variety is an Informal Decorative type, with blooms 8 inches in diameter and 4 inches deep, with about a 4½-foot high plant as grown here. The length of stems is measured from the base of the bloom to the first leaf or bud below it.

ADORABLE, I.D., (Angell, 1935), 8x4—4½'. 11" stiff stems
Blooms facing. Pinard yellow with inner florets flesh pink....**25c**

ARELDA LLOYD, I. D., (Smith 1936), 9x5—5'. stiff straight
stems. Blooms skyward and facing. Clear yellow, with a
slight rosy suffusion.....**25c**

ALTMARK, S.C., (from Europe 1935), 8x4—3'. 12" wiry stems.
Blooms facing. White centers, shading to lilac on outer
florets. Very early and profuse. Good cut flower.....**25c**

AMERICAN PURITY, S.C., (American D. Farms 1937), 9x4
—4'. 15" stiff straight stems. Blooms facing and partly sky-
ward. Pure white..... **60¢**

AUTUMN SUNGLOW, S.C. (Miller D. Farms 1937), 9½x4—4½'.
12" stiff straight stems. Some blooms not quite facing. Gold-
en orange buff, narrow florets, heavy bush growth.....**25¢**

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DAHLIAS TEMPT PASSERSBY

Centralia, Wash., Jan. 31, 1946—"I have been so pleased with the Dahlia bulbs purchased from you. Last season I won prizes at the S. W. Wash. State Fair. Perfect strangers have stopped and wanted to buy blooms, and also bulbs at a much higher price than I paid for them."—Mrs. S. B.

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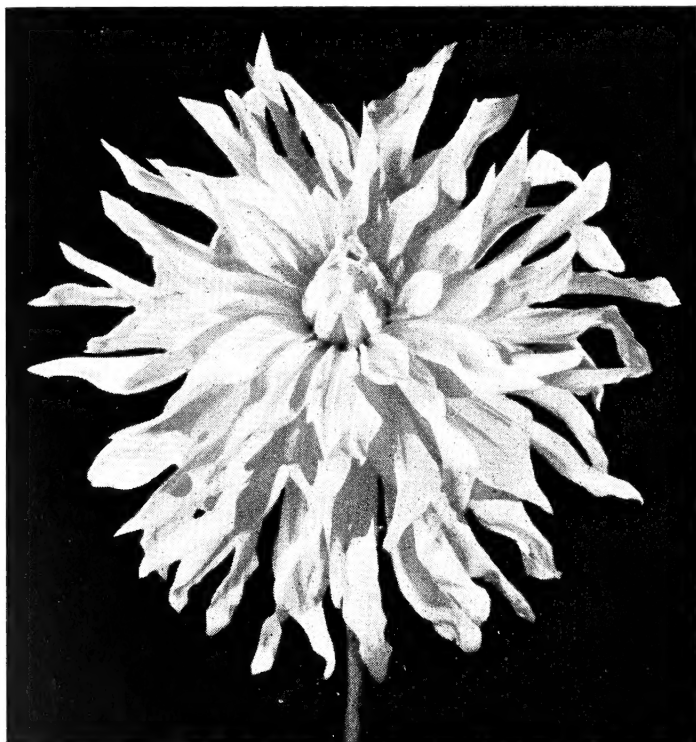
Azura

AZURA, I.D. (Ballay, 1936), 11x5—5'. 16" extra heavy straight stems. Blooms perfectly facing. A glowing shade of deep lilac. Long heavy florets, nicely curled. Thick leathery foliage50¢

BAGDAD, I. D., (Redfern 1930), 9½x4-5'. 10" stiff strong stems. Blooms mostly facing and well above foliage. Vivid scarlet20c

BETTY HUBBARD, S.C. (Armstrong 1939), 10x6—4½'. 10" stiff wiry stems. Perfectly facing. Clear deep yellow. Full bloom, high center, good keeper.....50¢

BLUE MOON, I. D., (Eastern 1941), 10x5-5'. 15" stiff strong stems. Blooms perfectly facing. Lavender shading to lilac purple at base, giving a bluish effect. Long, heavy florets \$1.00



Betty Hubbard



Bright Embers

- BLUE RIVER**, F.D. (Salem D. G., 1935), 9x3—4½'. 10" stiff stems. Blooms facing. Bluish mauve, about as close to blue as any Dahlia can come. Long heavy florets in full bloom40¢
- BOBBY DEAN**, F. D., 6x3-5. 12" stiff wiry stems. Perfectly facing. Light orange buff.....20c
- BRIGHT EMBERS**, I.D. (Miller D. Farms, 1941), 8x4—4'. 12" straight strong stems. Blooms facing. Rose scarlet, with bright gold shadings at the base of the florets, giving the effect suggesting the name. Excellent substance therefore a splendid keeping flower when cut. Very profuse.....40¢
- CALIFORNIA IDOL**, I.D. (Ballay, 1935), 9x5—4½'. 15" strong straight stems. Blooms mostly facing. Clear yellow. Perhaps the most refined of the few really great yellow Dahlias. 14" to 15" blooms of this readily grown.....30¢
- CARL G. DAHL**, I. D., (Hillcrest 1937), 10x4-4'. 14" strong stems. Blooms facing and skyward. Apricot buff shaded old rose85c
- CHARLES L. MASTICK**, F.D. (Tyler, 1937), 9x5—4'. 12" straight strong stems. Bright orange with pink reverse. Full bloom, excellent cut flower.....35¢
- CLARA CARDER**, I.D. (Kemp, 1935), 10x5—3'. 10" straight stiff stems. Blooms facing. Glowing cyclamen pink, deepening at center. Broad florets uniformly curled.....25¢
- DAISY TURNQUIST**, I.D., (Hulin 1935), 7x4—4'. 10" stiff stems. Blooms all facing. Salmon pink. Florets twist to points at ends..... 25¢

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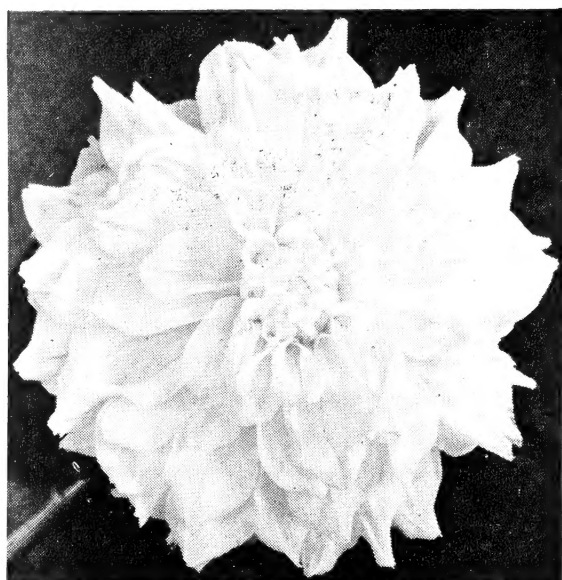
"WONDERFUL SUCCESS"

Chicago Heights, Ill., Feb. 6, 1946—"Thanking you for many lovely Dahlias, I have had wonderful success with your Dahlia tubers."—Mrs. L. W.

TALL, BEAUTIFUL DAHLIAS

San Jose, Cal., March 22, 1946—"We were very much pleased with the bulbs you sent us last year. Some of them grew to over 7 feet and 8 ft. in height, and were very beautiful."—Mrs. W. V.

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Darcy Sainsbury

DARCY SAINSBURY, F.D. (from Australia, 1937), 9x5—4'. 14" strong, straight stems. Blooms facing well above the foliage. Creamy white. Long, heavy florets of good substance, good keeper. Still one of the outstanding whites.....40c

DELIGHTFUL, I. D., (Miller Dahlia Farms 1946), 10x6-4'. 16" strong stiff stems. Blooms skyward and facing. Light orchid, flushed white. Long pointed florets, high full center.....\$1.00

DR. FRIDELL, S. C., (Tipton 1940), 9x5-5'. 12" stiff wiry stems. Bright orange with lavender reverse showing. Narrow wavy florets.....\$1.00



Delightful



Flambeau

- EAGLE ROCK FANTASY**, I. D., (Broomall 1931), 10x4—4'. 15" straight stiff stems. Blooms facing. Light violet rose with silvery shadings.....35¢
- ENTRUP'S SULTAN**, F.D., 8x4—5'. 10" strong straight stems. Blooms facing. Clear carmine rose color. Early and profuse25¢
- FIGARO**, S.C., (from France 1940), 9½x4—5'. 10" straight stiff stems. Blooms facing. A most attractive bi-color of yellow, striped and splashed scarlet. A sport of Satan..... 75c
- FLAMBEAU**, I.D., (Miller Dahlia Farms 1942), 9x4—3'. 8" stiff straight stems. Blooms facing. Light scarlet, with bright lemon yellow running from the base of each floret like a tongue of fire. Florets somewhat twisted with curled edges. Excellent substance, high tight centers.....75¢
- FOREST FIRE**, I. D., (Dahliadel 1935), 9x5-3½'. 6" stiff stems. Blooms skyward and facing. Lemon yellow, shading from base to rich scarlet at tips. Leathery foliage. Profuse.....30c
- FRANZ BERGER**, St. Cact. (from Europe 1935), 8x4-5'. 12" wiry stiff stems. Blooms facing. Brick red.....25c
- FRAU O. BRACHT**, S.C., (from Europe 1930), 8x4—5'. 15" straight wiry stems. Blooms facing. Delicate yellow..... 35¢
- FRECKLES**, I.D., (Kemp 1936), 10x4½—4'. 14" straight stems. Lemon yellow, striped and spotted peach red..... 50¢

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WORTH WHILE RESULTS

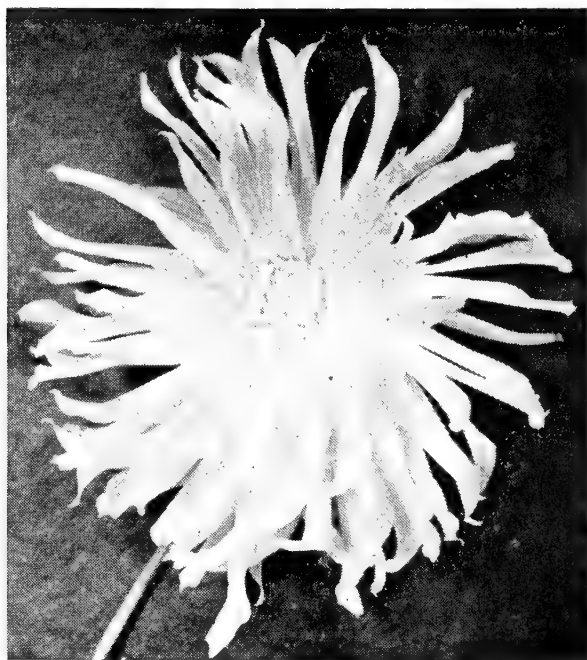
Colorado Springs, Colo., Sept. 16, 1946—"I won 15 Blue Ribbons with your Dahlias you sent me last April, and I shall want some more next year.—Firsts with Figaro, Darcy Sainsbury, Freckles, Boutellier, Sophisticate, American Purity, Best Display etc."—A. G.

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Grenadier

- GLAMOUR, I. D.**, (Salem D. G. 1939), 10x6-4'. 12" strong stems. Blooms facing. Purple, shaded violet rose. Full bloom, strong bush growth.....85c
- GOLDEN ECLIPSE, F. D.**, (Badetty 1933), 7½x4½-5'. 12" strong graceful stems. Bright gold with a shading of salmon at centers. Good keeper as cut flower.....20c
- GRAND SLAM, S.C.**, (Hulin 1937), 10x4—4'. 10" stiff stems. Blooms partly skyward and facing. Amaranth pink, yellow centers. Narrow florets..... 50¢
- GREATER GLORY, S.C.** (Salem, 1937), 10x5—5½'. 12" wiry straight stems. Blooms facing well over the foliage. Rose pink shading to light yellow at center. Florets well rolled, making it nearly a straight cactus type.....60¢
- GRENADIER, I.D.**, (Miller D. Farms 1945), 10x4—4½'. 18" stiff stems. Blooms perfectly facing. Glowing crimson. Full blooms of good substance. Florets have twisted tips.....\$1.00
- GREY DAWN, F. D.**, 8x5-4'. 12" stiff straight stems. Blooms facing. White, suffused lavender at center of blooms. Exceptionally full bloom, good cut flower..... 35c
- HEATH SPENCER, S. C.**, (from England 1934), 9x4-4'. 10" wiry stiff stems. Blooms facing. Lemon yellow. Profuse 30c
- H. R. S., I.D.** (Seal, 1932), 9x5—5'. 10" stiff stems. Blooms facing. Deep golden yellow, faint orchid shading. Long wavy florets in a full bloom. Heavy bush, profuse.....30¢
- HUNT'S VELVET WONDER, I. D.**, (Hunt 1935), 10x6-4'. 10" stiff stems. Blooms facing and skyward. Rosy magenta shading to true purple. Heavy florets, full bloom. Pinch out first bud to avoid crotch bloom. Good keeper..... 25c
- JEAN HANN, F. D.**, (from Australia 1935), 9x5-3½'. 12" stiff straight stems. Blooms facing. Bright golden orange. Full bloom, profuse and a good keeper..... 25c



Heath Spencer

- JERSEYS DAINTY**, S.C. (Waite, 1934), 7½x4—4½'. 10" wiry straight stems. Blooms facing above the attractive foliage. Pure white, some early blooms slightly suffused lavender. Good cut flower, and early.....25¢
- KENTUCKY SUN**, F.D. (White, 1933). 8x5—4'. 12" strong, straight stems. Blooms perfectly facing. Clear lemon yellow. Very symmetrical florets of good substance, and produces quantities of splendid keeping blooms.....15¢
- LA DOSKA DOWD**, I. D., (Western 1926), 7½x4-4½'. 12" wiry stiff stems. Blooms facing. Deep yellow with a touch of rose pink on the outer florets. Narrow curved florets..... 15c
- LADY MOYRA PONSONBY**, I.D., (from England 1935), 10x5—4'. 14" strong straight stems. Blooms perfectly facing. Light yellow. Full blooms, heavy bush growth..... 30¢
- LE MOYNE STRATTON**, F. D., (Miller D. Farms 1941), 8x5-4'. 8" strong stiff stems. Blooms facing. A soft shade of light apricot, or champagne, deeper center. Full bloom with florets of excellent substance..... 35c
- LUCKY**, St.Cact., (Schutte 1945), 7x4—4½'. 10" wiry stiff stems. Light red. Extremely early and profuse. Have counted 35 perfect blooms on a plant at one time. Unexcelled as a florist's Dahlia.....\$2.00
- LUSCIOUS**, F. D., (Miller D. Farms 1946), 10x5-3'. 14" strong stems. Blooms facing. Light apricot buff. Leathery foliage \$1.00
- MAFFIE**, S. C., (Exnar-Johnson 1940), 10x5-5'. 12" stiff wiry stems. Deep carmine red. A spectacular bloom on heavy bush growth\$1.00
- MAYOR FRANK OTIS**, I. D., (Salbach 1939), 11x5-4'. 15" straight strong stems. Blooms facing. Golden yellow shaded bronze. Gracefully twisted and curled florets. Has been grown to 17 inches.....\$1.00

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ANOTHER CONVERT

Winslow, Wash., Feb. 4, 1946—"Thanks very much for the fine roots you sent us last year. My husband, who doesn't care much for any flowers but roses, says he never got such big returns from such a small investment."—Mrs. H. S.

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Mrs. Ella Worthen

MONARCH OF EAST, F. D., (Almy 1929), 10x5-4'. 12" strong stiff stems. Blooms facing and skyward. Rich golden yellow, light red reverse. Heavy massive blooms..... 60c

MOTHER O'MINE, I.D. (Moss 1940) 10x5—3'. 10" stiff strong stems. Blooms facing and skyward. Peach pink suffused and shaded gold. Full bloom, high center.....1.00

MRS. E. BRADLEY, Inc. Cactus, 7x3-3½'. 9" wiry stiff stems. Blooms perfectly facing. White. Narrow florets of good substance. Light foliage. Profuse and early..... 40c

MRS. ELLA WORTHEN, S.C. (Garritty, 1933), 10x4—5½'. 15" stiff straight stems. Blooms facing. Salmon pink with yellow shadings. Long graceful florets, with unusual high centers. A little late, but its large beautiful blooms excite universal admiration for its grace and color shading.....25¢

MRS. GEORGE LE BOUTELLIER, I.D. Ruschmohr, 1935), 10x5—3½'. 15" heavy stems. Blooms normally facing, but sometimes too heavy growth will cause drooping. Deep carmine red, a brilliant rich color on a most spectacular bloom. Leathery foliage, dark stems.....20¢



Mrs. George le Boutellier



Mount White Horse

- MOUNT WHITE HORSE**, I.D., (Tower 1938), 10x4—5'. 12" straight stiff stems. Blooms facing and skyward. White with creamy center. Narrow curled florets. Good keeper, and an extremely attractive and artistically formed Dahlia.....40¢
- MUNCHAUSSEN**, F.D., (from Europe 1935), 7x4—4'. 8" wiry straight stems. Blooms facing. Light red, more or less tipped white. Early and profuse..... 35¢
- NANCY ANN MITCHELL**, Inc. Cact., (Ruschmohr 1939), 8x4—5'. 12" stiff stems. Blooms facing. Bright scarlet. Folded florets. 75¢
- NANCY ROBINSON**, I.D., 6x3—5'. 12" straight stiff stems. Blooms facing. Eosine pink, lighter shading. Narrow florets, gracefully curled.40¢
- OAKLEIGH MONARCH**, I.D. (Oakleigh, 1936), 9x6—3½'. 10" heavy straight stems. Blooms perfectly facing and uniform in size and form. Brilliant clear carmine red. The florets are wide and heavy making a full bloom. Cert. of Merit.....30¢
- PALE MOON**, F.D., (Miller Dahlia Farms 1941), 6x4—5'. 8" stiff stems. Blooms facing. Soft light yellow, unshaded. Early and most profuse. Splendid variety for cut flower work25¢



UNEQUALLED IN QUALITY

Tucker, Ga., Feb. 6, 1946—"I have planted your bulbs for 6 years, and think there are none like them."—Mrs. H. M.

EVERYTHING SATISFACTORY

Campbell, Cal., Jan. 21, 1946—"I ordered from you last year, and was more than pleased. Came in good condition, and had some very lovely blossoms."—Mrs. J. H. R.

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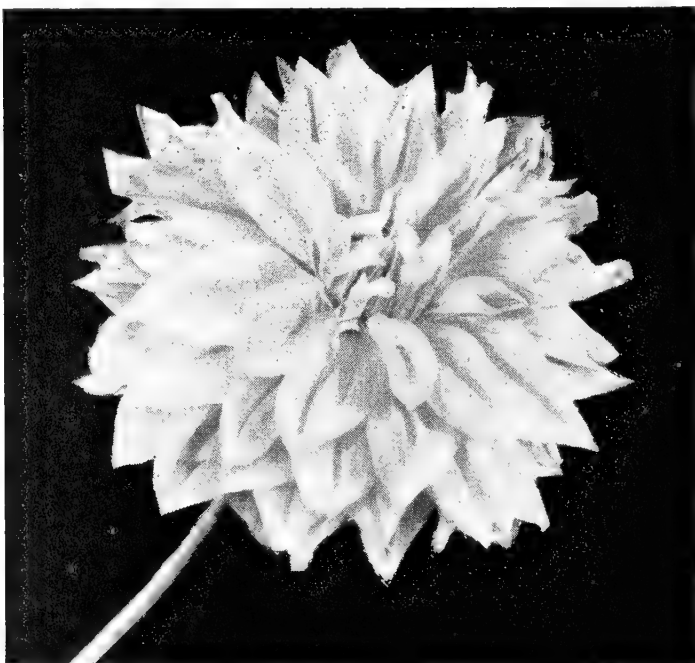
Passion

PASSION, F. D., (Miller D. Farms 1946), 9x4-3'. 15" stiff strong stems. Blooms facing. Rich deep velvety red. Broad florets of excellent substance.....\$1.00

PEACH BLUSH, I.D. (Miller Dahlia Farms, 1940), 9x5—4½'. 12" strong straight stems. Golden cream, overlaid and shaded with light carmine. Full bloom.....40¢

POINSETTA, S. C., (Rindfleisch 1931), 9x5-4'. 12" wiry stems. Blooms well out of bush, some facing, some skyward, some dipped. Pure unshaded opal red, attractive dark foliage. Early 15c

PRINCE OF PERSIA, I.D. (Newsom, 1931), 9½x6—4' 10" wiry stems. Blooms facing. Beautiful lively shade of bright red which stands the hottest sun without fading or burning. Graceful heavy florets, and a high center, one of the most eye-filling giants in the red class.....15c



Peach Blush



Rhythm

- PRUDENCE PENNY**, I. D., 6x4-5'. 10" stiff wiry stems. Blooms perfectly facing. Blended old gold and apricot. Can be described as a miniature Jane Cowl.....25c
- PURPLE MIST**, F. D., (Ruschmohr 1937), 8x4—5'. 14" stiff strong stems Blooms facing. Reddish purple, or violet carmine. Full bloom and a good keeper.....60¢
- QUEEN CITY**, F. D., (Golden Rule 1936), 7x4-4'. 15" stiff stems. Blooms facing. Soft scarlet pink. Early, profuse and a good cut flower..... 25c
- RED GUARD**, I. D., (Miller D. Farms 1941), 10x5-5'. 14" straight stiff stems. Blooms facing. Bright red. Heavy florets, massive blooms. Many 12 and 14 inch blooms..... 60c
- REGENT**, Inc.Cact., 8x4—5'. 10" wiry stiff stems. Blooms facing. Heliotrope pink with touches of gold at base of floret. Very early and profuse..... 20¢
- RENATE MULLER**, Inc.Cact., (from Europe), 7x4—4'. 8" wiry stems. Blooms facing. Light orchid pink with creamy white base. A slight tracing of orchid edging each floret. Splendid for cut flower work..... 25¢
- RHYTHM**, In. Cactus or S. C., (Dahliadel 1943), 8x5-4'. 12" stiff strong stems. Blooms facing and some skyward. Cameo pink suffused rose, lemon shading at center. Very full and a profuse bloomer.....\$2.00



OUR STOCK BRINGS BEST RESULTS

Belle Plaine, Iowa, Feb. 23, 1946—"Last year I dug around 500 clumps of Dahlias. Many of these I bought of you in the past few years and I can truthfully say that I had the best luck with tubers I bought from you."—H. W. S.

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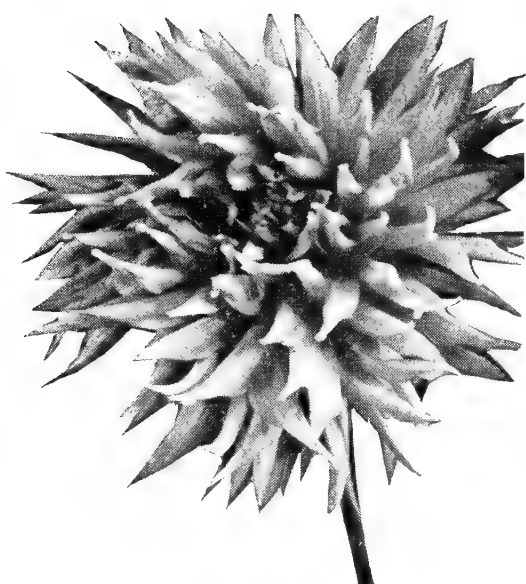
Sand Dune

- ROCKLEY MOON**, F. D., (Ruschmohr 1934), 8x4-4'. 10" stiff strong stems. Blooms facing. Lemon yellow with faint purple tint at center and on reverse. Full blooms..... 20c
- ROGUE BOUQUET**, S.C., 8x4—4'. 10" straight stiff stems. Blooms skyward and partly skyward. Bright red shaded yellow. Heavy bush growth..... 50¢
- ROYAL ROBE**, I. D., 9½x5-5'. 15" stiff stems. Blooms facing. Rich purple. Long curled florets in a full bloom..... 40c
- SAGAMORE BEAUTY**, F.D., (Shattuck 1929), 7x3—3'. 10" stiff wiry stems. Blooms facing. Rich true pink, with cream center. Early and profuse, and can hardly be equalled for Cut flowers. Heavy bush growth..... 20c
- SALMON KING**, F. D., (Miller D. Farms 1945), 9x5-4'. 15" strong stiff stems. Blooms facing. Glowing salmon buff, deeper shading at centers. Broad heavy florets of good substance 60c
- SAND DUNE**, F. D., (Miller Dahlia Farms 1946), 9x4-4'. 12" stiff stems. Blooms perfectly facing. Buff orange with shadings and pencilling of peach red, light red reverse. Broad cupped florets of good substance..... 60c



WONDERFUL BLOOMS SELL PLACE!

Monterey, Cal., Feb. 15, 1946—"Every year I buy Pompon Dahlias from you. When they are all in bloom some one comes along and buys the place, due mostly to the color in the yard. Then I have to start all over again. I will say that flowers around the house are the best real estate salesman anybody could have. Your bulbs have always been satisfactory and the blooms wonderful."—E. W. L.



Satan

SATAN, S.C. (Ballay, 1932), 9½x5—5'. 16" heavy straight stems. Blooms perfectly erect and facing. Rich scarlet with creamy reverse showing at the center and on the ends of the florets, which are horn-shaped. Has been grown to 16 inches. Cert. of Merit.....20¢

SILVERADO, Inc. Cact., 9x4—5'. 12" straight wiry stems. Blooms facing on stems, but slightly dipped on the bush. white with faint lavender shadings, full bloom.....15¢



LOVELY DAHLIAS—AND REASONABLE

Olympia, Wash., Feb. 9, 1946,—“Maybe I should tell you that I have had some lovely Dahlias from you, and they are so reasonable.”—Mrs.N. C.

DAHLIA SEEDS ARE INTERESTING

San Diego, Cal., April 4, 1946—“It may interest you to know that the Dahlia seed which you sent me some weeks ago have already come up and so far I have had about seventy-five percent germination, and they are still coming. So you see the percentage will be high.”—C. T. W.



REGARDING DATE OF SHIPMENT

Roots may be ordered at any time and will be shipped at any date desired by the customer. However, it is advisable to have them sent not too long before the time for planting, as no Dahlia grower can be responsible for any loss which may occur on account of spoiling or drying out of roots which are in the customers' hands for a month or so before planting. And where early orders are used for forcing for the purpose of making cuttings to plant, there is no guarantee against rotting of the roots in this process. In sections where the spring is backward and the ground is still cold and wet in May, it is advised to keep the roots in the peat moss in which they are packed, and they will sprout nicely with hardly any attention, so when the ground is warmed up the new plant will have a better start than if it had been put in the ground earlier. Parcel post charges are all paid by me, and express charges on large shipments, but where small orders are wanted sent during weather when freezing might occur in transit, the shipment will be made express, charges collect.

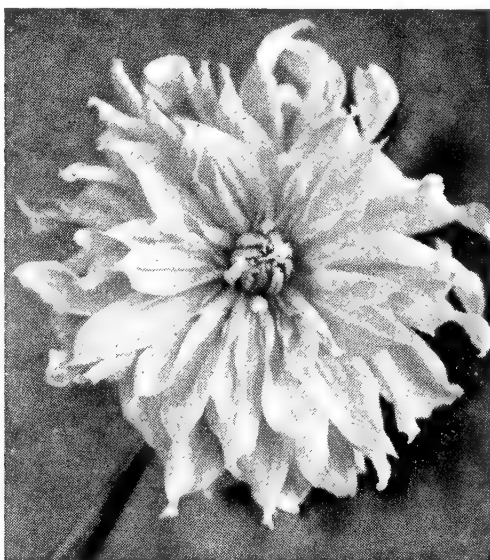
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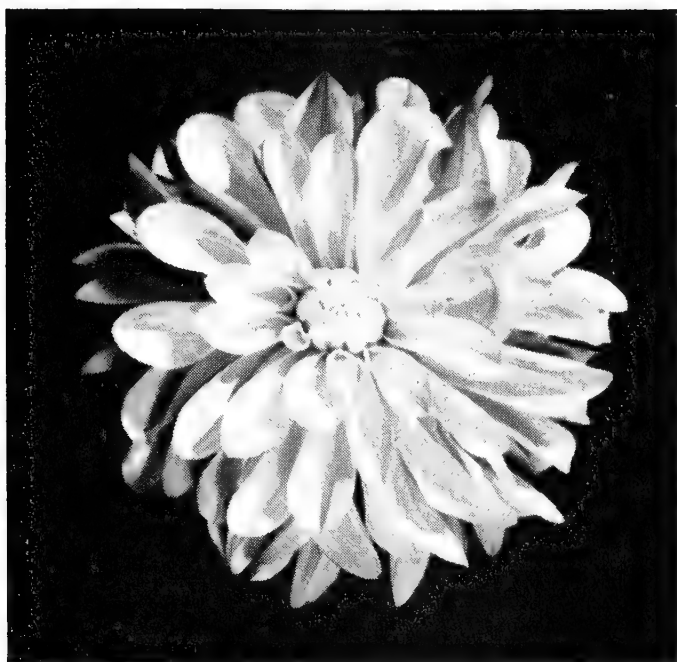
Snow Pillow

SNOW PILLOW, I. D., (Miller D. Farms 1946), 11x5-5'. 12" stiff strong stems. Blooms facing. White, Broad, heavy and pointed florets, gracefully curled. Good branching habits, allowing 3 ft. stems. Have cut 14" blooms.....\$1.00

SOPHISTICATE, I.D. (Miller D. Farms, 1941), 9½x5—5'. 10" strong, graceful stems. Blooms facing. Amaranth pink with lighter shadings. Excellent keeper, and very profuse. Vigorous bush growth. Occasional open center.....35¢



Sophisticate



Springtime

- SPRINGTIME**, I.D., (Miller D. Farms 1944), 7x3—4'. 9" stiff wiry stems. Blooms perfectly facing. Unusual combination of light peach pink shaded cream, with bright yellow central florets. Very early and profuse, and a splendid keeper\$1.00
- STARBRIGHT**, S.C., (Miller D. Farms 1945), 9x4—4'. 15" straight wiry stems. Blooms facing. Pure white, early and profuse. This seedling differs from the American Purity only in the lack of the almost invisible veins found on the florets of the latter..... 60c
- THE COMMODORE**, I. D., (Kept 1932), 10x6-3½' 12" strong stems. Blooms facing. Solid unshaded yellow. Profuse..... 10c
- TOPAZ**, F. D., (Miller D. Farms 1946), 8x3-4'. 10" stiff wiry stems. Bright yellow flushed and shaded light apricot, deeper center. Early and very profuse..... 75c
- TOWERS EMPIRE**, I.D., (Parella 1935), 9½x6—5½'. 10" straight strong stems. Blooms skyward and facing. Very bright golden yellow slightly tinged delicate rose at center. Long heavy florets in a heavy bloom..... 50¢
- VOLGA RIVER**, I.D., (Feldman 1942), 10x5—4'. 15" straight strong stems. Perfectly facing. Bright scarlet with lemon yellow center and stripes running up into the florets. Full massive bloom. Early and profuse..... 60¢
- WARRIOR**, F. D., (Miller D. Farms 1946), 9x4-4'. 16" stiff stems. Blooms perfectly facing. Bright scarlet. Broad florets somewhat twisted.....\$1.00

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Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 4, 1946—"In the past years I have grown many of your Dahlias. Had many wonderful blooms from them. I have had 150 varieties in my Dahlia garden at one time. I know what to expect this year again.—Mrs. V. V. S.

REALLY ENJOYS DAHLIAS

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- WENOKA**, F.D. (Hulin, 1935), 8x5—4½'. 14" straight strong stems. Blooms perfectly facing. Rosy mauve with magenta shadings. Good keeper and rather spectacular.....35¢
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PRETTIER THAN OTHERS—ANYWHERE

West Greenville, S. C., Feb. 4, 1946—"I have ordered Dahlias from you for several years. At this time I would like to say I have been well pleased with them. People buy them and say they are prettier than any they have seen anywhere."—Mrs. E. H. C.



Youth

MINIATURE DAHLIAS

(See picture on front cover)

BARBARA DOANE , S.C., Light pink, lighter shadings and center. Low bush.....	25¢
CARLOTTA , Min. F.D., Light carmine red, narrow folded florets, each daintily notched at end. Good stems, tall, and a florist's favorite.....	15¢
CLARA CLEMENS , Ball, Large red tipped white. Tall.....	30¢
DELICAT , Inc. Cact., Small orange buff.....	20¢
ELIZABETH PAPE , St.Cact., Rosy salmon pink, light tips.....	25¢
EMILY , F. D., Lavender, darker center. Profuse.....	15¢
ESKIMO BELLE , F. D., White, small blooms, profuse.....	30¢
FAIRY , Min. I.D., Salmon pink, florets attractively curled.....	20¢
FIRST LOVE , (New) I. D., 5" blooms of true pink with bright yellow base and stripes. Narrow gracefully curled florets ..	50¢
GRANITE FALLS , Collarette, 4" bloom, 3' bush. Red with yellow collar.....	20¢
LITTLE PAL , Min. F.D., Small orange and white, good stems, low bush.	15¢
MAUVEEN , St.Cact., Light lavender. Low bush. Early and profuse.	25¢
MISS BYRLE , F. D., Small, deep salmon pink.....	25¢
ORCHID LADY , F.D., Light lavender or orchid.....	25¢
RED SAIL , St.Cact., Brick red. Very early and profuse. Tall....	20¢
SOUTH SEAS , I.D., Orange, shading to peach pink.....	20¢
STOPLIGHT . Min. F.D., Small dusky red. Profuse, tall bush.....	25¢
SYMPHONY , Duplex, Brilliant deep scarlet, hard purplish centers. Very dark foliage. Low bush.....	30¢
WINE DROP , F.D., Reddish purple.....	20¢



BEST OF LUCK

Cazadero, Cal., Jan. 25, 1946—"Have always had fine luck with your Dahlias."—Mrs. A. E. O.

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POMPON DAHLIAS

Pompons, per root.....15¢

- ALLBRIGHT**, Large yellow, heavily tipped crimson
ALLEN H., Light pink, flushed cream.
ATOM, Small orange
BANTAM, Bright light scarlet, tall bush
BLACKTHORN, Very dark red or maroon.
BONNIE, Clear pink, small.
BRUNETTE, Deep red
CELESTIA, Pure white, with exceptionally good stems.
CHICKIE, Old rose. Very small, tall bush.
CLARA HARSH, Cream, tipped rose.
CLEO, Orange, shading deeper at tips.
CONSTANCE, Maroon purple. Double quilled florets. Long stems, tall bush. Medium large.
COQUETTE, (new) Rich creamy yellow base, shading to bright scarlet with an occasional white floret. Variegated
CORAL GLOW, Old rose, shaded old gold.
DORIA, Small deep maroon
ELIZABETH, Lemon yellow, heavily tipped carmine.
ELVINA, Scarlet and orange, more or less variegated.
EUREKA, Light orange, tipped scarlet, some white florets.
FLAME, Deep red, medium bush.
GEO. IRELAND, Light purple. Small.
HAZEL DELL, Clear pink, edged cerise.
HELEN LAMBERT, Large deep yellow, double florets
ILA, Oxblood red, perfectly formed and small.
JOE FETTE, White
JOSEPHINE, Purple, low bush.
LETA, Large bright red
LITTLE DAVID, Russet orange, nearly red.
LITTLE EDITH, Primrose yellow, tipped carmine. Small.
MIMI, Very small carmine red, a few white florets, double rolled florets
MINNIE MELLs, Lavender, deeper shaded center.
MORNING MIST, Light lavender pink, shaded white. Low bush.
NERISSA, Small bright pink
PEGGY ANN, Yellow, shaded brownish red. Tall.
SAN TOY, White, heavily tipped carmine. Large.
SHERRY, Violet purple, tall bush
SPECKLES, Deep red and white, variegated.
SYLVIA MORGAN, Light pink, large.
TOM THUMB, Light red, very small.
TOTO, Deep maroon, large. Tall.
VANIRA, Bright pale yellow, lightly tipped carmine.

COME BACK FOR MORE EACH YEAR

Mountain View, Cal., Jan. 16, 1946. "Your bulbs are so good we come back every year.—We are old, 84 years." W. H. P.

Cultural Directions

For the healthy growth and the lovely blooms your Dahlia planting should be expected to produce, just a few simple requirements are demanded. These are easy to understand and follow when we consider the manner in which the Dahlia plant grows.

The root division which we plant has an eye near or on the part of the stalk which forms the top of the root. This eye contains the really important part of the entire root, and from it a stalk and feed roots grow to form the Dahlia plant. The rest of the root is merely a dinner basket to supply the necessary nourishment for starting the new plant. As soon as the feed roots, very fine at first, reach the point where they start to supply enough plant food to enable the newly-formed leaves above ground to begin work, the original root has performed its purpose, and may as well be disregarded. In proof of this, the root you plant may be cut in half or a still smaller portion be planted with a resultant vigorous plant, providing the conditions of soil and moisture, etc., are made right.

Thus the new plant needs nothing in the way of fertilizer or irrigation until the new feed roots are established. And the more numerous and faster-growing these feed roots, the stronger the plant and the better crop of roots for the next year. Any fertilizer should for this reason, not be placed in the hole in which the root is planted, but spread over the entire Dahlia plot, as the new roots will cover in most cases the entire space allotted to your Dahlias.

Some of these new roots will thicken and begin to store up starch and other food elements, forming the new crop of storage roots. It is when these are growing and the buds on the plant are beginning to open that plenty of plant food and water are necessary. It is known that one bloom in its formation requires many times the water and food that is needed for the foliage and stalk growth.

It is clear anything which tends to interfere with the growth of these new feed roots will stunt the growth of the plant, so an over-supply of water at the start, or the presence of rotting vegetation or manure, anything which will cause these roots to rot before they reach a healthy growth, is to be avoided. Plenty of room is needed for root development and space between plants should be enough for good ventilation to avoid mildew of the foliage.

With an understanding of these requirements, we can plan the best way to plant and care for the Dahlias.

The soil should be loose and well drained. Spading deeply as soon as the ground can be worked in the spring is a necessary part of preparation. On heavy clay soil some sort of humus should be worked in, and some sand or fine coal ashes. If new clay, a dressing of agricultural lime raked in the surface after spading will be of advantage. If the ground has been planted to a root crop the year before an application of bone meal and potash should be made, and this worked into the surface before planting. About 5 pounds of bone meal and 1 pound of Muriate or Sulphate of Potash to every 10 plants.

When the soil has warmed up nicely, and not until then, is the time to plant. DO NOT PLANT A DAHLIA ROOT IN COLD, WET GROUND, and expect anything but failure. Some varieties may pull through, but nothing is gained by planting too early. A hole about 5 inches deep in heavy soil, to as deep as 8 inches in light sandy soil, is dug for each root, and allow at least 3 feet each way between holes. This for the large varieties. The Pompons may be spaced closer, also the miniatures

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for mass effects. A stake should be driven close to the hole and the root laid therein with the eye or sprout facing up, and toward the stake. The root should be covered about two inches, and the hole gradually filled in as the plant grows. It may be tied to the stake with soft twine or rag to avoid cutting the stalk.

For a bushy plant with numerous blooms the plant may be pinched out after the 3rd set of leaves forms. This will force the buds at the base of the plant to develop and the plant will spread out. For large blooms, pinch out the buds on each branch down to the base buds leaving only one bud to a stalk. This allows long stems for cutting or exhibition. As Pompons and Miniatures are somewhat valued in inverse ratio to their size, none of these should be disbudded, but the young plant may be pinched out to make more blooms.

There are a few insect pests which may infect your Dahlias, depending on your locality. Aphis or other sucking insects, or leaf hoppers or other chewing insects. There are a number of good sprays and dusts on the market, including the new DDT which may be used according to directions on the package. Your local feed store or hardware dealer will help you select whichever is indicated by your local conditions.

The ground around the Dahlia plants should be kept in a loose condition by frequent cultivation, deep at first and then shallower as the plant grows and the feed roots spread out, and near the surface. If your summer is very hot, a mulch between the Dahlias of grass clippings, or other material, will help keep the ground cool and avoid overheating the roots. During extreme heat it is advisable to pick off the buds and not allow blossoms to form, thus saving any possible dangerous wilting of the plant.

When watering, after the buds have started to open, and not until then, it is better to give the ground a thorough soaking once a week or every ten days, than to sprinkle the surface every day. The moisture should reach down about a foot to be of the most value.

Dahlia blooms should be cut either early in the morning before the sun starts to dry them out, or late in the evening. The best method of cutting for long keeping blooms, is to carry a bucket of cold water into the garden and plunge the stem of the Dahlia into it as soon as it is cut from the bush. A knife should be used instead of scissors, as the object is to not press the stem shut, but rather leave it so that it will absorb water readily for the bloom. The cut flowers should then be placed in the cold water container, in a cool dark place, and away from any drafts, for several hours, or if cut in the evening, over night. After that they are ready for placing in your vases or other containers for display, and will keep much longer than if any other method of preparation is used. Too much foliage left on the stem will greatly lessen the keeping quality of the bloom.

After the first killing frost the Dahlia clumps should be dug and stored for the winter. If the sections where there is no frost, or where it comes very late in the year, the plants may be cut down any time and after allowing a few days for the sap to go down into the roots, the clumps may be dug and cared for the same as if they had been killed by frost. It is well to dig the dirt away from the clump and cut down with the spade all

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.25 Barbara Doane
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 .20 Delicat
 .25 Eliz. Pape
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 .30 Eskimo Belle
 .20 Fairy
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 .20 Granite Falls
 .15 Little Pal
 .30 Clara Clemens

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around it rather deep before lifting it out. This will cut the feed roots which may extend out as far as two feet from the stalk, and which might break some of the roots from the stalk if not cut. Any roots which are broken at the neck will probably not be any good the following spring.

The clump may be allowed to stand for a while to dry out the dirt, which may then be shaken off gently. Or a gentle stream of water may be used to wash the clumps. The stalk should then be cut off close to the clump, and it is then ready to be divided or stored.

A cool not too dry cellar is the best place for root storage, being sure it is frost proof. It does not need much below freezing to ruin Dahlia roots. Also, dry warm air will cause the roots to dry out and shrivel up, so that most of them will not grow in the spring.

In dividing the clumps, all that is necessary is to have an eye for each root saved, and these eyes are plainly visible at the time of digging, if one wishes to divide them then. This will do away with the possibility of stem rot, which sometimes spoils the entire clumps. Cut surfaces may be dusted or dipped in powdered lime or sulphur and the roots packed in boxes of fine sawdust, or even dry dirt. The name of the variety may be written on the root with an indelible pencil, moistening the surface so the writing will be permanent. This avoids the possibility of lost tags and mixed-up varieties.

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